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Rep. Luján Participates in National Day of Service

Joins League of Conservation Voters to Promote Energy Efficiency in Schools, Homes

Washington, DC - Rep. Ben Ray Luján will join the League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, IBEW, and others to participate in an event to install solar systems and distribute energy efficiency kits at a local Washington, DC middle school. The event called "Repower a Community" will highlight the importance of building a clean energy economy to create new jobs and will help local communities reduce their energy bills with efficient products. The event is part of President-elect Obama's National Day of Service on January 19.

What: "Repower our Community" Service Event

When: Monday, January 19, 2009 - 11:00am

Where: Sousa Middle School, 3630 Ely Place, SE Washington, DC

"John Phillip Sousa Middle School was one of the schools involved in Brown v. the Board of Education," Congressman Luján said. "Today, we are able to unobtrusively power this historic building with 21st century technology. Tomorrow, we will begin to power every school, every government building, and soon, every home with clean, renewable energy."

Rep. Luján will join community volunteers to install a solar system on John Phillip Sousa Middle School and distribute energy efficiency kits to neighborhood homes. The kits will include 3 CFL bulbs, weatherization packs, surge protectors, and efficient showerheads.

Rep. Luján has long been an advocate for community-focused energy efficiency programs. Rep. Luján worked with the New Mexico Sierra Club to distribute energy efficient light bulbs in many New Mexico communities. He attended distribution events, meeting with individuals and personally encouraging them to practice energy efficiency.

"Families and communities can take many important steps to make their homes and schools energy efficient," said Luján. "It is important that people take it upon themselves to make their homes energy efficient. Even small measures can reduce carbon emissions and energy use. It can be as easy as replacing light bulbs or buying efficient surge protectors to plug in electronics. We all have a role to play in making our homes and schools energy efficient."

"Following President Obama's call to service, we are going into our community to show people the potential of clean, renewable energy and to empower them to reduce their own energy consumption," LCV President Gene Karpinski said.

Rep. Luján recently returned to Washington, DC after a trip to the 3rd Congressional District to open offices in Rio Rancho and Santa Fe and meet with constituents in each community.

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